Destruction of Railway property by students against Government's reservation policy

558. SHRI P.N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to recent reports about disruption caused to several long-distance train services passing through Uttar Pradesh and destruction of railway property by students and others demonstrating against Government's reservation policies; and

(b) if so, action being taken to maintain normal train services along those routes and protect the railway properties?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This being a 'Law and order' problem, the responsibility to ensure that normal train services are not disrupted by agitators/demonstrators including protection of railway property, is of the concerned State Government. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has deployed Civil Police and Government Railway Police to tackle the situation. The Railways are, however, maintaining close co-ordination with the State Government, at all levels and are also extending assistance to the extent possible.

Allotment of Government accommodation to the Employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan from General Pool

559. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some autonomous organisations whose employees had been allotted accommodation from General/Central Pool;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan had approached Government for allotment of accommodation to its employees from General/Central Pool; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the employees of some autonomous organisations like University Grants Commission and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research were declared eligible are allotted General Pool Accommodation in the past.

(c) There is no record of any such request having been made in the recent past.

(d) Does not arise.

Violation of Minimum Wages Act by Eastern Silk Industry Ltd., New Delhi

560. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Eastern Silk Industries Ltd. A-66, Naraina Industrial Area, New Delhi and its other factories at NOIDA (UP), Calcutta and other places are not paying minimum wages to its semi-skilled and un-skilled workers under the minimum wages act and thus violating the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the above company paid less wages to its semi-skilled and unskilled workers and got signatures for higher paid up voucher besides hours of working for 4 hours more than normal timing without paying any over time;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the company is also not paying their share of the Employees Provident Fund and Gratuity besides employees are not fully covered under the Employees State Insurance Act; and

(d) whether Government propose to refer the entire episode of the workers to Independent Investigation Agency, if so,